

1999 Hall of Fame Inductee

Ray Miller

Ray Miller was born in Prairie Farm, Wisconsin. He graduated from Prairie Farm High School and attended the University of Wisconsin River Falls where he received his bachelors and master's degree in teaching.

Ray was an agricultural educator for 39 years. His first two years were at Oconto Falls High School and the remaining 37 years were spent at Bloomer High School until his retirement in 1991. During his teaching career, Ray trained 53 student teachers and interns. He served on the Department of Public Instruction Agriculture Education Advisory Committee for 6 years and was involved with several National FFA committees.

For over 22 years, Ray was instrumental in gaining recognition for his FFA Chapter at the National FFA Convention in the area of Building Our American Communities, receiving the National Chapter Award.

Ray started the first FFA Alumni Affiliate in Wisconsin and is a life member. He received the state and American honorary degrees in 1970 and 1971 and was awarded the State FFA Distinguished Service Award in 1989. He was named the Wisconsin Association of Vocational Agriculture Instructors Distinguished Secondary Agriculture Instructor in 1989 and went on to be the national winner at the NVATA Convention.

Ray is active in his community and has served as a volunteer city forester for 23 years. He has also served on the Citizens' Advisory Committee on County Water Resources Quality for the past 12 years, and has been a Wisconsin Master Farmer member for 21 years. Ray has also served on the Bloomer Health Care Foundation for over 14 years.

Ray has been chair of the Agriculture Exhibits for youth organizations at the local county fair for the past 24 years. He is a member of the Savior's Lutheran Church and has been active on the church council. Ray and his wife Gloria, have been married for more than 50 years. They have 3 children, Becky, Brock and Brett, (who are all former state FFA officers), 2 granddaughters, and 1 grandson.